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TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING TIER-PRICED COMMODITY TRANSACTIONS

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| First Named Inventor | Robert M. Ford |
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| 1002 340 | 2002 170 | Design filing fee | |
| 1003 530 | 2003 265 | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 770 | 2004 385 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 1005 160 | 2005 80 | Provisional filing fee | |
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| Total Claims | Independent Claims | Multiple Dependent | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
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| 1202 18 | 2202 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 86 | 2201 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 290 | 2203 145 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 86 | 2204 43 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 18 | 2205 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |
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| 1051 130 | 2051 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
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| 1053 130 | 1053 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 2,520 | 1812 2,520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 1804 920* | 1804 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 1,840* | 1805 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 110 | 2251 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
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| 1253 950 | 2253 475 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 1,480 | 2254 740 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
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| 1401 330 | 2401 165 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 330 | 2402 165 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 290 | 2403 145 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 1,510 | 1451 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 110 | 2452 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 1,330 | 2453 665 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
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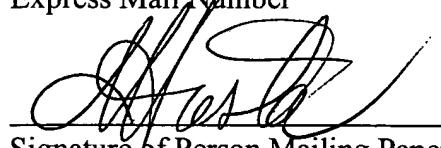
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